

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1954

56th  
Day

309 Days  
to come

In at 8<sup>30</sup> - Steiner - W'Carthy now ready, kicked up a mess -  
Stoffmeyer, but too early, so Calver, only Steiner, Luntin, Kozmin  
could have meeting with them and tell Poyser - later would  
meeting to East Wing where Sen. Drobman joined us = pricing together  
yesterday's news seems that the Senator really jolted up on  
Steiner, as he he didn't realize what he was doing = may have  
good results in Kozmin, however

Drobman agrees to get Rep. members of Committee together  
and see if they could voice additional statement saying Committee  
had complete confidence in Steiner's "integrity and ability". (2) that he  
was pursuing proper course of action in dealing with problems arising from  
Poyser case (3) action to be taken by Steiner after completion of Inspector  
General's report made it evident & may not be necessary to call any  
officers involved and (4) if called, would be treated with "proper respect".

Also Drobman will work on Rep. members and down on committee  
to get Cohen fixed, to strip one-man committee from meeting and  
to strip W'Carthy of some of his powers by saying subpoena could  
be issued only by majority vote. - Drobman couldn't deliver

Pres. very mad and getting fed up - it's his lawyer and  
he doesn't like W'Carthy's tactics at all = Steiner and Kozmin  
joined him and all four at 4 PM - worked 'til 5:30 on statement -  
checked it with Pres. who made it stronger and then read it in  
front of press in my office

Quote - "He on subject: "This guy W'Carthy is going to get into trouble  
over this. I'm not going to take this one lying down" - "My private feeling  
I would be very in this line stuff to put W'Carthy a real easy measure  
instead of Steiner. His ambition. He wants to be President. That's the last  
guy in the world who'd ever get there, if I have anything to say".